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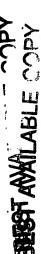
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office P.O. Box 2327 Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment, mailed April 14, 2003, in connection with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) of the above-referenced application and responsive to a telephonic discussion with the Examiner on June 27, 2003, entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 2, 12 and 101 with amended claims 2, 12 and 101 as follows:

2. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule, comprising: a sequence of nucleotides encoding an adenovirus tripartite leader (TPL) that comprises (a) first and second different TPL exons or (b) first, second and third same or different TPL exons, said TPL exons selected from the group consisting of complete TPL exon 1, partial TPL exon 1, complete TPL exon 2 and complete

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